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Applicant: OFEK et al.
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METHODOLOGY HAVING
SCHEDULED CONNECTION ON
INPUT AND OUTPUT PORTS
RESPONSIVE TO COMMON
TIME REFERENCE
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AMENDMENT A

Mail Stop Non-fee Amendment
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Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby submits this Amendment A, responsive to the Office Action—Date Mailed: June 4, 2003, Paper No. 6, for which a response is due September 4, 2003 by a shortened statutory period for reply set to expire three months from the mailing date of the Office Action.

Claims 21-67 and 82-91 are currently pending in the application. Claims 21-67 and 82-91 are rejected. The specification is objected to by the Examiner. The drawings filed on March 28, 2000 are objected to by the Examiner.

By this Amendment, the specification has been amended. Claims 53, 87 and 88 are canceled without prejudice. Substitute, corrected formal drawings are herewith filed; responsive to the Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review—dated: May 29, 2003, attached to Paper No. 6. No new matter has been added. No additional fee is due.